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THE WESTERN CONFERENCE UNITARIAN.

Beginning with January, 1910, this publication will be enlarged to sixteen pages, magazine size, and the price will be fifty cents. This is an adventure of faith, for it will require a thousand subscribers at this figure to pay for the printing and mailing. That means that we need and ask for the subscription of each one to whom this number of THE NEWS LETTER comes. As a matter of convenience we suggest a club in each church so that one check or money order may be sent instead of several. The sooner returns are received at this office, the sooner we shall know that our faith is justified. Make checks payable to Ernest C. Smith, secretary.

While a higher rate for single subscriptions has been urged as giving an incentive to the formation of clubs, we think a single rate to all subscribers is more in accord with the principles for which we stand. Moreover, we want our subscribers to take the paper because it is of value to them and out of loyalty to the cause it stands for and not because they get it at a discount.

The Iowa State Conference on October 1 voted to merge its publication, *Old and New*, with THE WESTERN CONFERENCE NEWS LETTER, provided this change was made. Since *Old and New* is the older and larger paper there is a strong desire to perpetuate its name as a sub-title of the new magazine. Possibly our desire is greater even than that of the Iowa friends who are giving their support to this new undertaking, yet the disadvantages of a cumbersome double title are very great and if agreement upon a single title may be secured, that would probably be best. Of all suggested names the one which means most and may perhaps win the approval of all is *The Western Conference Unitarian.*

This change of form will make it more possible for the men and women of our fellowship to tell their comrades of the high visions which have visited them, of the experiments that have succeeded and of those that have failed. Through its columns the word of cheer and comradeship may come to isolated churches and individuals. These high functions will be added to the old ones of giving announcements and reports and news from the churches, all of which may be more adequately fulfilled with the larger space at command. Laymen and laywomen, as well as ministers, are cordially invited to help make this new publication a real expression of, and a helper to the life of the Western Unitarian Conference.

THE BEACON SERIES.

We may grant that the personality of the teacher counts for more than the quality of the text book in all Sunday school instruction and yet welcome every endeavor to provide something more suitable and usable in the way of text books. "The Beacon Series" is the fruit of such an endeavor. It aims to lighten the task of the Sunday school teacher and to make her work more effective by providing material adapted to each stage of mental development and so correlated that the influence of the instruction shall be cumulative from the first year to the last. These manuals are reviewed in this issue of THE NEWS LETTER by persons who have had experience in teaching the grades treated. Later we shall hope for reports based upon extended use of the series in our Sunday schools.

FIRST BOOK OF RELIGION—GRADE I.

This book contains thirty-six parable stories. Based as they are on a child's love for nature stories, stories of animals and fairy tales that appeal to the imagination, they certainly contrive not only to hold the interest, but also to stimulate the moral growth of a normal child.

The "King who was never seen" appeals to a child's love of mystery and carefully leads him to the thought that the best and most beautiful things in the world about us, can not be seen, but must be felt.

The stories of human weakness compared with the strength of natural forces, instill a reverence for the Creator better than all the dry facts that could be presented in proof thereof. The duty of one person to another; the beauty of self-sacrifice, in fact the whole law of human companionship is brought out very beautifully in the different stories.

Altogether the work seems very adequate as a

"First Book of Religion," for after all the first and last principle of all religions is a reverence for the Creator and a love for all He created. The objection I found on going through the work was in the questions. They seem too forced, too analytical for the immature reasoning power of a child, and would tend to confuse the impressions left by the simple stories.

MRS. WALTER HAGEN.

Green Bay, Wis.

STORIES FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT—GRADE II.

To those who wish to give the Old Testament literature in story form, "Stories From the Old Testament," by Mrs. H. C. Parker, can be heartily recommended. While the book is primarily intended for Sunday School purposes, it is also well suited for home use, the author having stripped the stories of all theology and presented them from the standpoint of science and the higher criticism. Mrs. Parker has used thirty-three stories, beginning with Genesis and ending with the tract Jonah. Each story has a title indicating its content and is further introduced by a Bible text. Each is provided with an application, and explanation and questions for use by the teacher.

Under the head of explanation the author employs good material to make clear the purpose of the story and to place it in its proper historical setting.

The questions are general ones on the day's lesson. The application finds the truth in the story and shows the relation between the Bible myth and life as it is today.

The book is of value for children up to the age of ten. Pedagogically it is well done, though exhibiting weakness in some of the selections of poetry for memorizing.

Those who must depend on their own resources for Sunday School material in teaching primary grades will find Mrs. Parker's book helpful and valuable.

HELEN ROSENFELS.

Oak Park, Ill.

STORIES FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT—GRADE III.

"Stories From the New Testament," by Oliver Jay Fairfield, have been selected and retold in a beautiful imaginative way for children of eight years of age—"to provide a series of lesson stories that will introduce the child to the kingdom of the good life and furnish the dream stuff on which the growing mind will be nourished as it comes to a strong and true religious life."

The stories begin with "Why the Baby Was Named John," and end with "The Dream that John Had." They are told in such a way that a young child could read them alone. Explanations, pedagogical helps and Bible references, all of which are good, provide practical assistance for the teacher.

Any teacher in a Sunday School having no normal class, will be able to draw valuable material from the resources of this little book.

HELEN ROSENFELS.

Oak Park, Ill.

WORLD STORIES—GRADE IV.

Nothing could have come more happily and opportunely to hand than the book numbered IV in the Beacon series, called "World Stories"; happily, because it filled a need, and opportunely because Illinois has recently risen to a new sense of duty, by passing a bill which requires every teacher to spend a half hour each week developing such subjects as honesty, justice, kindness and moral courage. The stories in this book are just what I wished, to illustrate the traits of character and ideas I hope to develop.

They are upon such topics as "Forgiveness," "Truth," "Love," and kindred subjects, and are preceded by helpful, pithy quotations from the Bible, poets and philosophers.

They are from legends of all nations and peoples, and from great prose and poetry, and are written in a style adapted to children of ages varying from nine to eleven years, who need simple but uplifting language.

"The Good Bishop," from Hugo's "Les Miserables," "The Bell of Atri," "Pandora," and the "Legend of St. Christopher," are among the well-known stories it contains, while stories of Buddha from the "Jataka Stories," and stories from the Talmud are some of those welcome from less familiar sources.

The notes for the teacher are concise and of especial value.

I am sure from previous experience that I could use this book as happily in Sunday School, as I am now in the Public School.

JENNIE EDWARDS.

Glencoe, Ill.

HEBREW HISTORY—GRADE VII.

There is a great need for vitalizing the study of the Bible and connecting the life therein described with the life of the rest of the world.

From this point of view it is a positive pleasure to read No. VII of the Beacon Series. The most striking feature of this outline is its vitality. The mighty men of the Old Testament, David, Hosea, Amos, and the others, are characterized in such a way that the scholar is not only interested but also made to realize that these were living people who

fought, loved, struggled and achieved just as do the people he knows today.

The language is plain and strong, while the frequent references to the Bible text, not only give the pupil a knowledge of the beautiful wording of the Bible, but also compel him to look up these passages for himself, thus helping him to fix them in his mind.

This book covers the period from the time of David to that of the Herods, and by its frequent references to the contemporary history makes the pupil realize that the Jews were simply one of the nations engaged in the struggle for national unity and life.

The teacher's edition has an admirable appendix which gives suggestions and a list of books for reference which will be a great help for those who are engaged in the work of teaching.

GRANT BEEBE.

Chicago, Ill.

THE WORK OF THE APOSTLES—GRADE IX.

"The Work of the Apostles" contains five divisions carrying respectively the sub-titles, The Disciples with Jesus, The Community in Jerusalem, Scattered by Persecution, Paul's Missionary Journeys, and The Closing Years of Paul's Work. Each of these divisions contains six or eight sub-divisions, or lessons, devoted to the development of the main theme of the division; thus a logical evolution of the entire subject is attained.

Parallel readings are usually assigned under each topic treated, thereby making the student familiar with the view-point of the writer of each gospel upon the same subject.

A first examination of the introductory comments and explanations in these lessons is apt to prove disappointing—they are so very simple; but a close inspection reveals this simplicity as constituting their chief charm and claim to interest. In spite of little weaknesses of treatment here and there, the author constantly shows the tendency to get away from the old stereotyped phraseology and present a straightforward narrative full of vital human interest; and, although the lessons reveal no great heights of grandeur or power, they possess qualities of equal value—directness, vividness and deep insight and sympathy.

JENNIE A. WILCOX.

Oak Park, Ill.

MOVEMENTS AND MEN OF CHRISTIAN HISTORY—GRADE X.

At first, the subject seems too large to be adequately treated in a series of thirty-six half-hour lessons, but the author has selected his topics wisely and has, in the main, accomplished his aim, namely, to show the growth of the church as an institution —that is, the growth of a formal organization; the development of a fixed creed, and the elevation into sanctity of all the rules of the superior officers of the church; and finally, to trace its evolution through the great liberal movements, beginning with the Reformation and ending with the Unitarian movement in America under Channing and Emerson.

It would perhaps have been better to devote two lessons to the Crusades instead of one, in order to emphasize more strongly their three-fold significance, their influence upon trade and commerce; the impetus they gave to learning through the spread of eastern culture, and the quickening of human brotherhood.

Throughout the book may be found lessons showing how individuals and movements put the emphasis, now upon the type of mind illustrated by Justin, who based religion upon tradition, and now that represented by Marcion who conceived, though vaguely, that religion found its roots in truth itself. And herein, perhaps, lies the greatest value of these lessons, that they truly reveal to us the fact that life is not a completed process but exists in the making; that truth never is attained but lies in the search.

JENNIE A. WILCOX.

Oak Park, Ill.

INTRODUCTION TO UNITARIANISM. GRADE XI.

At the present time when so many persons are asking What is Unitarianism, it is well that we should be able to answer the question. The book, "Comparative Studies in Religion, an Introduction to Unitarianism," by Mr. H. T. Secrist, is a good step in this direction. The book is divided into three parts, first, "Religions of the World"; second, "The Sects of Christianity"; third, "The Unitarians."

In the first part the chronological sequence of the various religions is not very distinct, and the average High School boy or girl would find it hard to get a clear view of the whole. There is scarcely any attempt to emphasize the evolutionary growth in religion during the progress of mankind. There is a lack of local color, and of vivid illustration, such as might be given by the repetition of some of the characteristic legends about Buddha.

Part two on the whole gives a good outline of the principal sects of today. But there is much material given in the Teachers' Helper, which might here be given the pupil directly in the text.

Part three is divided into sections taking up "History, Belief, Organization of the Unitarians." This part gives a clear and helpful statement of the belief and organization of our church, though its statement of belief is not as fresh, frank and attractive as, for example, is that given in Mr. Casson's pamphlet, "The Church of the Modern Spirit."

LEROY P. ELLIOTT.

Iowa City High School.

THE PRACTICE OF CANDIDATING AND ITS ATTENDANT EVILS.

There is no more embarrassing situation in the minister's life than that of candidating. Many devices are adopted to make the bald relation of candidate and congregation seem more casual and incidental. But the fact remains that serious evils for both congregation and minister are endured year after year with little or no effort made to remedy them. It is said no better method can be found for bringing church and leader together. Each party has a chance to examine the qualities and resources of the other and then it is a matter of agreement between them whether or not they shall go on together. It has even been suggested that the process of accepting a minister resembles that of marriage, in that it is, or should be a love relation rather than a business one and is therefore entitled to the same experince of testing and acceptance or rejection. But the facts are, on the other hand, that a church in search of a minister usually has had a vacant pulpit for some time and has heard from two to six candidates, and that the ministers who have been those candidates either have no churches of their own or are, for reasons of their own, looking for a change.

This being the case, let us note the consequences. The average congregation will almost invariably apply the wrong tests to the candidate. They reject or accept largely on the basis of pleasing pulpit effect. The candidate himself may be a success as a pulpiteer, but unfit and unqualified for his numerous other duties which in the end are more important than his platform qualifications. One candidate is standardized against another. Some of our churches have been known to pass candidates through their pulpits for a year before making any decision on the list, and the ministers have pitted themselves against each other in this somewhat unbrotherly way. The tendency in modern times is to place the preaching function, and by this is meant, the pleasing delivery of sermons, in the forefront of church life. In this way the most important feature of the religious group is neglected, that is, co-operative service and fellowship, and the tendency to avoid all responsibility other than that of occasionally hearing a pleasant discourse is fostered. An increasing variety of tastes and differences of opinion is called forth by each new candidate striking his individual note. The result of this is to weaken the bonds of union among the less vitally interested members. Our societies now suffer too largely from over emphasis of the personal equation of the minister. The time is at hand when we must reinstate the church as an institution rather than as a personal following. Having its roots in the prepared and protected soil of the denomination, it shall yet spread its branches over many. No church can be a power in the community until it is again recognized to be so in its own right. We need to see the denomination in the light of a means rather than an end, and as such deserving support.

The effect of candidates is as seriously evil for minister as for congregation, though the consequences are not so far reaching. Under the present method the selection is never a fair one, for the all around ability of the candidate is not brought out. What he can do for the moment is what determines the result. Where so much depends upon special ability and personal appeal the tendency is to push professional fellowship, together with the spirit of co-operativeness, so much needed today, into the background. The personal phase of the matter is brought out in the embarrassment felt by the minister returning to his people who know that he has not succeeded. His efficiency is thereby lowered, though undeservedly. The question becomes a somewhat serious one when it is remembered that this happens a number of times before a pulpit is supplied.

What is the remedy? It would seem that a fairly satisfactory remedy is at hand in adopting the practice of the large business houses and the corporations. Aside from the method of promotion they fill their more important places with men from other corporations and houses. A man's value is determined by the results of his work rather than by what he can do on trial. A rivalry for the best service and ability is instituted. A church then should offer its pulpit to one of proved ability and if a visit is necessary let it be with the full expectation of settlement. And let the standard be an all around one. Let the church be more concerned for its general welfare than for its entertainment. It is a mistake to believe that a church can only attract and hold by means of its pulpit pyrotechnics.

No evil results need be contemplated from churches bidding for the best service. Good and succeesful men will not readily leave their established work. Some move must be made, however, looking toward the better material remuneration of the minister if the highest standard of ability is to be gained. The churches at present bid for a low standard of ability and get it. With many other avenues open for human service with competent rewards, a man cannot afford in these times to enter a calling which expects of him the maintenance of a high social and intellectual standard and at the same time places him on a practical plane far below the one of appearance.

VERNON M. CADY.

Kansas City, Mo.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

During the last college year a most interesting experiment was tried at Iowa City, where local ministers prepared courses in the study of religion which, after approval by a faculty committee appointed for the purpose, were offered to students as electives to count towards a college degree. These ministers gave their services, but the courses were held up to the standards of other college courses. The experiment was so successful that instruction in religion will be continued at Iowa State University.

In the organization of this new phase of religious education, Rev. R. S. Loring of the Unitarian Church was a wise and tactful leader. In close touch with broad religious movements, a thorough student of religious phenomena, in full sympathy with youth, his counsel has been invaluable to the committee. During the second semester Mr. Loring offered a course entitled, "The Modern Interpretation of Religion." For this a goodly group of students enrolled, and through scholarly lectures, carefully directed reading, and personal teaching a broad and wholesome view of modern religion was obtained.

CHICAGO ASSOCIATE ALLIANCE.

The Chicago Associate Alliance of Unitarian and other liberal Christian Women met at Evanston Church of All Souls, October 7, at 11 a. m., Mrs. Ernest C. Smith, the president, in the chair. The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Delano gave a report of the National Alliance badges. $1.11 was given to the alliance treasury, it being the balance from the amount solicited from the Branches for the badges. She also urged the sending of a national alliance officer to the western state branches.

The literary part of the program was opened with the reading of one of Edward Everett Hale's poems by Mrs. Smith. Rev. James Vila Blake spoke on the life, works, influence and his personal recollections of Dr. Hale. Mrs. Hayward told of him as a leader of the Lend-a-Hand. Personal recollections were given by Mrs. Dudley, Mrs. Long, Mrs. Delano and Rev. E. C. Smith.

Mrs. Dudley suggested having state alliance meetings. The roll call showed an attendance of fifty-eight. On motion the meeting adjourned.

ETHEL W. MASON, Sec'y.

IN THE FIELD.

The secretary spent the first week of September in Louisville, Ky., preaching two Sundays for our church there. It was his first experience of Southern hospitality, which quite came up to his expectations. The third Sunday he preached at Lincoln Centre in the morning and at Hobart, Ind., in the evening. The 26th he preached at Serena, Ill., in the morning and in the evening had a part in the fellowship service at the newly dedicated Unity Church at Oak Park. The first week in October was devoted to a missionary journey in Michigan, with sermons or addresses at Jackson, Sherwood, Onsted and Kalamazoo, and conferences at Brooklyn and Albion. He was privileged in the same week to attend the meeting of the Chicago Associate Alliance at Evanston, where a very fine program brought Edward Everett Hale vividly to our remembrance. October 9th and 10th were spent at Sheffield, Ill., taking counsel with regard to the future of the church at that place. On the 10th the secretary preached at both Sheffield and Buda. On the 17th he preached at Keokuk, Ia., the pastor, Miss Morse, being unavoidably detained in the East.

HELPS.

The American Unitarian Association has just issued two pamphlets which ought to be helpful in the work and life of our churches. The first provides a list of ministers who are ready, whenever possible, to give their services on week days or week-day evenings to Unitarian congregations, clubs, alliances or other organizations. Copies of the pamphlet can be obtained by addressing the publication agent, Rev. C. L. Stebbins, 25 Beacon street, Boston, Mass.

The second pamphlet is the "List of Solos," which, like the "List of Approved Anthems" previously issued, has been prepared for the use of music committees and choir-masters by the Committee for the Improvement of Church Music appointed by the American Unitarian Association. The work of examination and compilation has been conducted by the Rev. Herbert Mott, and the list has been further sifted by the experienced choir-masters and ministers who are associated with him on the committee.

In this connection it is appropriate to call attention to the five collections of Church Music published by or with the approval of the Committee. The three collections of anthems, entitled, respectively, (1) "Forty Anthems for Use in Liberal Churches," (2) "Anthem Book for Use in Liberal Churches," (3) "Anthems of the Liberal Faith," have been widely used in our churches and have proved very acceptable. The two collections published last summer have not yet received the attention they deserve. One is a collection of forty hymns selected primarily for choir use. There is place in any order of service where an unaccompanied hymn, sung by the choir, is a most impressive and appropriate form of worship. The other is a collection of twenty-eight chorals for choir use. These two new collections can be obtained from the publication agent at a price of 40 cents for the Hymns and 25 cents for the Chorals.

DIRECTORY

A Directory of the Independent churches in the Western Unitarian Conference. The object of this list is to direct those who care to know where to find our churches and ministers.

Alton, Ill.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Howard Mac Queary.

Ann Arbor, Mich.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Henry Wilder Foote.

Bloomington, Ill.—Unitarian Church, East and Jefferson Sts Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. J. H. Mueller, 506 East Chestnut St.

Brooklyn, Mich.—People's Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M.

Buda, Ill.—Union Christian Society, Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Burlington, Iowa.—People's Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Chicago, Ill.—Hull Memorial Chapel, Fifty-seventh St. and Woodlawn Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. W. Hanson Pulsford, Hotel Del Prado.

Chicago, Ill.—Unity Church, Barry Ave., near Evanston Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Fred V. Hawley, 4232 North Hermitage Ave.

Chicago, Ill.—Third Unitarian Church, W. Monroe St. near Kedzie Ave. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Prof. George B. Foster.

Chicago, Ill.—First Swedish Unitarian Church, Wells Hall, 1629 N. Clark St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev August Dellgren, 1529 E. Wellington Ave.

Chicago, Ill.—Central Unitarian Society, Music Hall, Fine Arts Building. Lecture at 11 A. M. Dr. Nathaniel I. Rubinkam, 4355 Oakenwald Ave.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—The First Congregational Church of Cincinnati. Reading Rd. and Linton St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George A. Thayer, 304 Oak St.

Cleveland, Ohio.—The Church of the Unity, Euclid and Genesee Aves. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Minot O. Simons, 1916 East Eighty-second St.

Colorado Springs, Colo.—All Souls' Unitarian Church, Dale and Tejon Sts. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. Lewis Marsh.

Davenport, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. Robert E. Ramsay, 2104 Grand Ave.

Denver, Colo.—First Unitarian Society, Broadway and 19th Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. David Utter, D. D., 329 Broadway.

Des Moines, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Gertrude von Petzold.

Detroit, Mich.—First Congregational Unitarian Society, Woodward Ave. and Edmund Place. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Reed Stuart, 76 Stimson Place.

Duluth, Minn.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George R. Gebauer, 1209 E. Third St.

Evanston, Ill.—Church of All Souls. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. Vila Blake, 37 Ashland Blvd., Chicago.

Fort Collins, Colo.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M.

Geneseo, Ill.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 10:45 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. David M. Kirkpatrick.

Geneva, Ill.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 4 P. M.

Gimli, Manitoba.—Unitarian Society. Hour of service, Rev. J. P. Solmundsson.

Grand Haven, Mich.—First Unitarian Society, Washington St., between Third and Fourth Sts. Hour of service, 7 P. M.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—All Souls Liberal Church. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. H. B. Bard.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—Holland Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. B. A. Van Sluyters, R. F. D. 9.

Greeley, Colo.—Unity Church, Ninth St. and Ninth Ave. Hour of Service, 10:45. Rev. Milton R. Kerr.

Hanska, Minn.—Nora Free Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. A. E. Norman.

Harrietta, Mich.—People's Church. Hour of service, 10 A. M. Rev. B. A. Hills, Traverse City.

Hinsdale, Ill.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. J. M. A. Spence.

Hobart, Ind.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M. Alternate Sundays.

Humboldt, Iowa.—Unity Church. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. C. P. Wellman.

Indianapolis, Ind.—All Souls' Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev Frank C. S. Wicks, 17 Michigan St.

Iowa City, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. Robert S. Loring.

Jackson, Mich.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M.

Kalamazoo, Mich.—People's Church, Park and Lovell Sts Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. Joseph P. McCarthy.

Kansas City, Mo.—All Souls' Church, Baltimore Ave. and Armour Boul. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Vernon M. Cady, 8327 Baltimore Ave.

Kenosha, Wis.—Henry M. Simmons Memorial Church, Chicago St. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Florence Buck, 427 Congress St.

Keokuk, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. M. Rowena Morse, Ph. D., 519 Fourth St., W.

Lawrence, Kan.—The Unitarian Church, Hancock and Vermont Sts. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Frederick M. Bennett, 1201 Vermont St.

Lincoln, Neb.—All Souls Church, Twelfth and H Sts. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Arthur L. Weatherly, 1928 Prospect Ave.

Luverne, Minn.—Unity Congregation Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Madison, Wis.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. F. A. Gilmore.

Milwaukee, Wis.—First Unitarian Society, Ogden Ave. and Astor St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Walter F. Greenman, 682 Astor St.

Minneapolis, Minn.—First Unitarian Society, Eighth St, and Mary Place. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Wilson M. Backus, 803 Mary Place.

Moline, Ill.—First Unitarian Church, Sixteenth St. and Sixth Ave. Hour of Service, 10:45 A. M.

Monroe, Wis.—United Liberal Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Mount Pleasant, Mich.—First Congregational Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. H. Van Ommeren.

Omaha, Neb.—Unity Church, Seventeenth and Cass streets. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. Newton Mann, 421 N. Seventeenth St.

Onsted, Mich.—People's Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M.

Pueblo, Colo.—Unity Church, Court and Ninth Sts. Hours of service, 7:30 P. M. Rev. J. Lewis Marsh, Colorado Springs.

Quincy, Ill.—Second Congregational Church, 633 Main St. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. C. F. Elliott.

Salem, Ohio.—Unity Church, Pioneer Building, Garfield Ave. and East Main St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. A. Irvine Innes, 181 Garfield Ave.

St. Louis, Mo.—Church of the Messiah, Union Ave. and Morgan St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. John W. Day, 320 North Newstead Ave.

St. Louis, Mo.—Church of the Unity, Park and Armstrong Aves. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George R. Dodson, 48 Nicholson Place.

St. Paul, Minn.—Unity Church, Portland Ave. and Grotto St. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Rev. John D. Reid, 656 Portland Ave.

Shelbyville, Ill.—First Congregational Church. Hour of service, second and fourth Sundays of each month, at 10:30 A. M. Rev. Jasper L. Douthit.

Sherwood, Mich.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M., alternate Sundays.

Sioux City, Iowa—Unity Church, Tenth and Douglas Sts. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Manley B. Townsend, 410 Tenth St.

Toledo, Ohio—First Unitarian Church, Ashland Ave. and Prescott St. Hour of service 10:30 A. M. Rev. Abraham M. Rihbany, 4 Ashland Place.

Topeka, Kan.—First Unitarian Church, 918 Topeka Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. H. Jones.

Urbana-Champaign, Ill.—Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Albert R. Vail, 1109 West California Ave., Urbana.

Washta, Iowa.—Unity Society. Service and Sunday School every other Sunday at 2 P. M. Miss Carrie Hoffman, Secretary.

Wichita, Kan.—First Unitarian Church. Hours of service 11 A. M. Rev. Edward Day, 3215 Douglas Ave.

Winnipeg, Manitoba.—The First Icelandic Unitarian Church of Winnipeg. Sherbrooke and Sargent Sts. Hour of service, 7 P. M. Rev. Roegno Peturrson, 582 Sargent Ave.

Youngstown, Ohio—Cor. Elm St. and Bissell Ave. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. W. L. Beers, 1406 Elm St.

"Let us all join hands and help for today we are alive together."

NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF UNITARIAN AND OTHER LIBERAL CHRISTIAN WOMEN.

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